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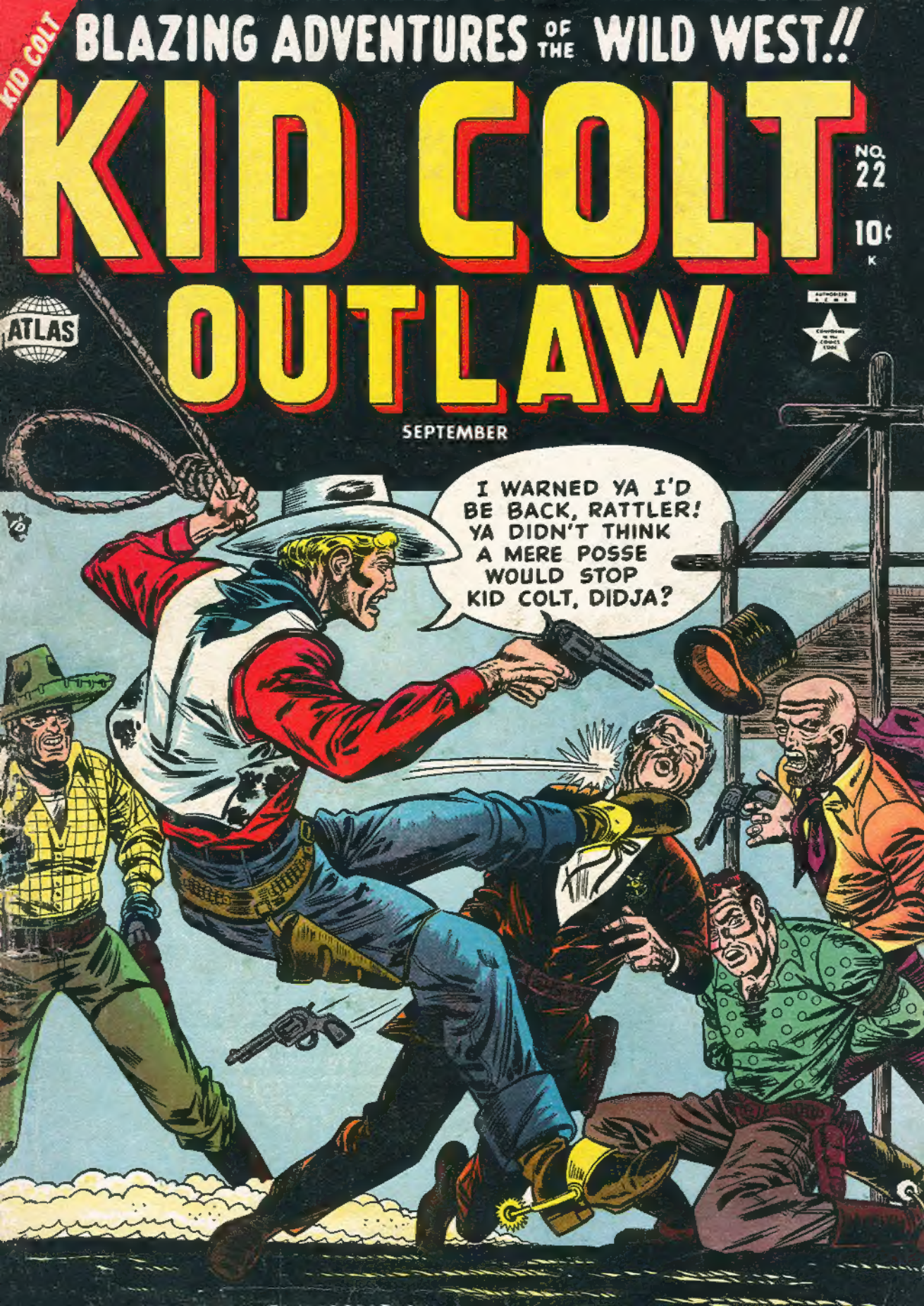

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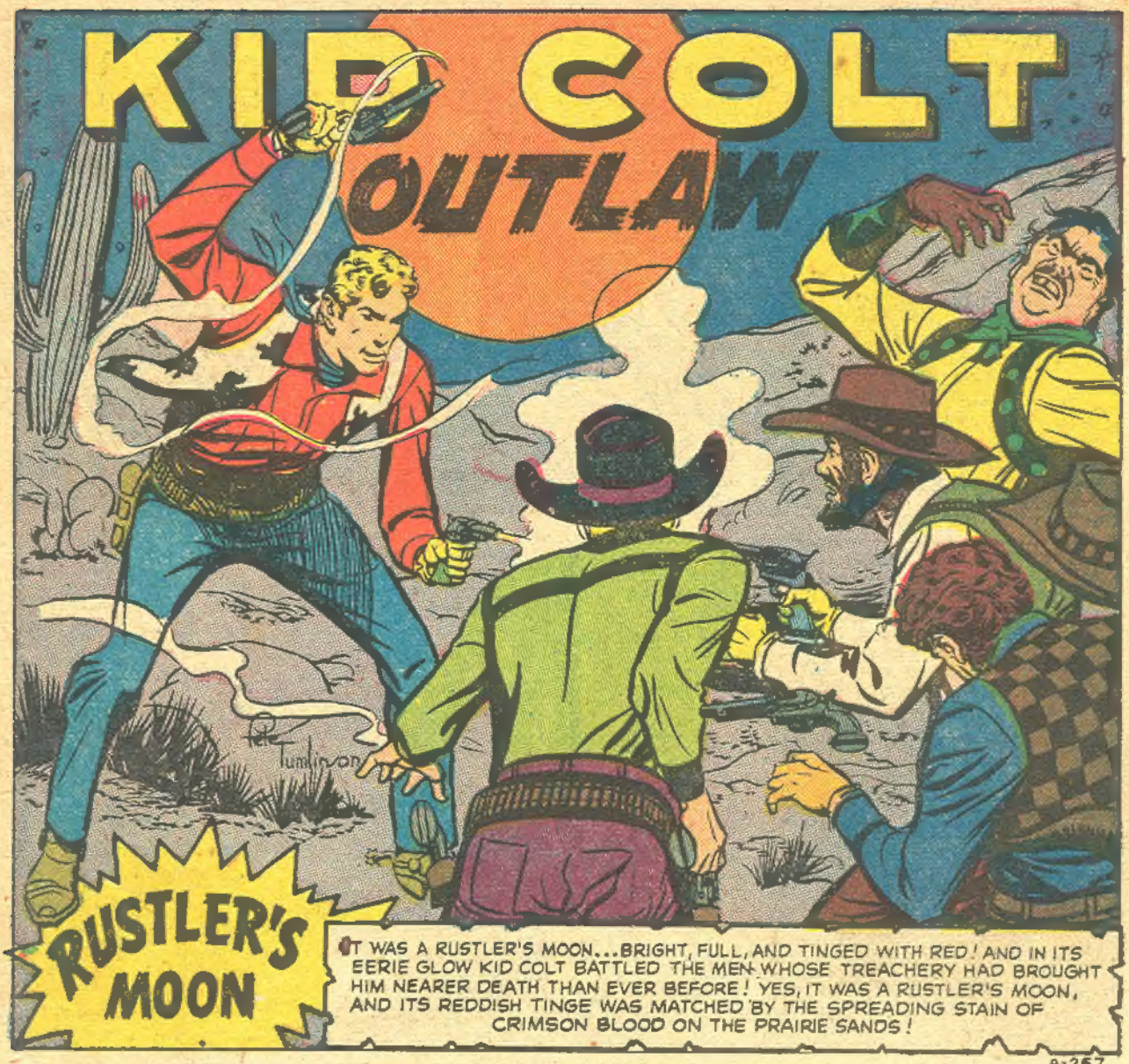

RUSTLER'S MOON

IT WAS A RUSTLER'S MOON...BRIGHT, FULL, AND TINGED WITH RED! AND IN ITS EERIE GLOW KID COLT BATTLED THE MEN WHOSE TREACHERY HAD BROUGHT HIM NEARER DEATH THAN EVER BEFORE! YES, IT WAS A RUSTLER'S MOON, AND ITS REDDISH TINGE WAS MATCHED BY THE SPREADING STAIN OF CRIMSON BLOOD ON THE PRAIRIE SANDS!

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THE OUTLAW PAUSED ATOP THE BLUFF AND STARED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TINY FRONTIER TOWN SPRAWLED IN THE DUST BOWL BELOW!

CAVE CREEK YONDER, STEEL! WE'LL CIRCLE THE TOWN ONCE AND THEN HEAD IN FOR FRESH PROVISIONS!

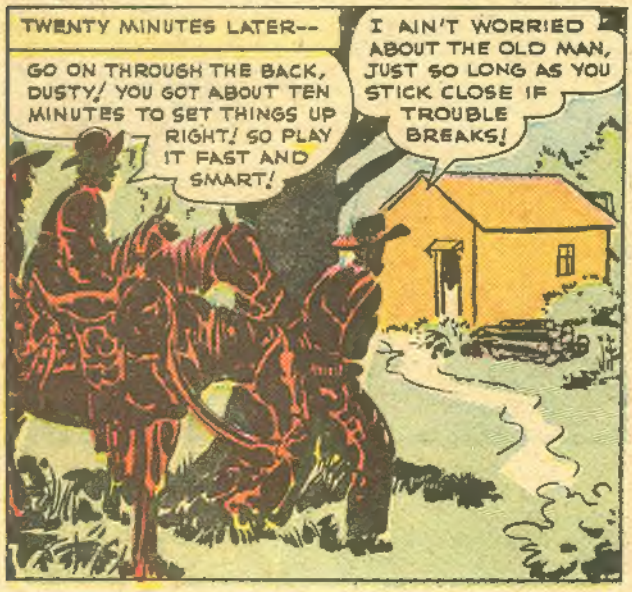
HE MOVED DOWN THE TRAIL AND FOUR PAIRS OF HATE-FILLED EYES FOLLOWED HIM!

LIFT THET MUZZLE, YUH DANGED FOOL! THIS AIN'T THE TIME OR THE PLACE!

BLAST YORE HIDO, FARO! I HAD A DEAD BEAD ON HIS SPINE!
YEAH? THAR'S MANY AN HOMBRE HAD GUNS POINTED AT KID COLT'S BACK BUT THEY'RE ALL DAID! I'VE SEEN THEM GUNS OF HIS'N SWIVEL FASTER 'N A ROULETTE WHEEL!

I GOT A BONE TO GNAW WITH COLT, BUT IT AIN'T GOIN' TO BE GNAWED WHILE HE'S GUN-SLUNG! HE'S HEADIN' INTO CAVE CREEK FOR PROVISIONS! HE'S BEEN A'COMIN' HERE FOR YEARS!
YOU'RE GRINNIN' LIKE A HYENA, BUT YOU AIN'T MAKIN' SENSE!

COLT WILL HEAD STRAIGHT FER ZEKE PARSONS' GENERAL STORE! WE'RE GOIN' TO BE THERE AHEAD OF HIM WITH A LITTLE SURPRISE! LET'S GO!


TWENTY MINUTES LATER--
GO ON THROUGH THE BACK, DUSTY! YOU GOT ABOUT TEN MINUTES TO SET THINGS UP RIGHT! SO PLAY IT FAST AND SMART!
I AIN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE OLD MAN, JUST SO LONG AS YOU STICK CLOSE IF TROUBLE BREAKS!

HOWDY, STRANGER! HONEST FOLKS USUALLY COME IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR! GIT OUT THE WAY YOU CAME IN AN' WALK INTO THIS ESTABLISHMENT PROPER!
OKAY--OKAY, POP! DON'T BUST YORE SUSPENDERS! I JEST MOSIED IN FER A SQUARE OF BACON AN' SOME SMOKIN'!

YOU'D'A GOT THE SAME IF I HAD COME IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR, PARDNER!
THUD!

I GOTTA WORK FAST! WHERE DOES HE KEEP HIS AMMO? MUST BE STACKED UP SOMEWHERE! AH!

A FEW MINUTES LATER--
HOWDY! WHERE'S ZEKE PARSONS, THE FELLER WHO USED TO RUN THIS PLACE?
ZEKE'S DOWN WITH THE RHEUMATIZ! I BEEN GIVIN' HIM A HAND FER THE PAST FEW DAYS! ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, STRANGER?
HOW ABOUT PACKIN' ME UP SOME GRUB-- BACON, FLOUR, AN' THE LIKES! I CAN USE SOME FRESH AMMO, TOO!
JEST NAME YORE POISON AN' I'LL GET IT!
WHAT KIND OF LEAD DO YOU THROW AN' HOW MUCH OF IT DO YOU WANT?
COLT-- FORTY FIVE! OLD ZEKE USED TO MAKE ME UP A SPECIAL LOAD! SIXTY FIVE GRAIN SOFT NOSE! MAYBE HE'S GOT SOME KICKIN' AROUND!
THAR IT IS, MISTER! THAT'S A MIGHTY MULISH LOAD YOU USE FER YORE GUNS!
AIN'T NO USE TOTIN' GUNS AROUND IF THEY DON'T PACK A WALLOP! WHEN I DRAW I LIKE MY TARGET TO LAY DOWN AND STAY THERE! RECKON I'LL RELOAD WITH THIS FRESH STUFF!
I FEEL SAFER NOW! HOW MUCH IS THE TAB?
FOUR CART-WHEELS WILL ABOUT DO IT, STRANGER! WHAT'S YORE NAME? I'LL TELL ZEKE YOU CALLED!
KID COLT'S HIS NAME! OR WAS TILL HE CAME HERE! REMEMBER ME, KID? REMEMBER THAT HERD OF BLACK-FACED BEEF YOU MADE ME LOSE DOWN AT EAGLE PASS?
I NEVER FORGET THE LOOKS OF A RATTLER! YEAH, I REMEMBER-- YOU RUSTLED EVERY STEER OFF THE BAR X SPREAD BEFORE I NAILED YOU!
DRAW, COLT! I AIM TO SEE YORE BONES PICKED CLEAN BY THE BUZZARDS OF CAVE CREEK!
YOUR BONES, PIKE, NOT MINE! PULL YORE HARDWARE WHILE I'M GIVIN' YOU PLENTY OF BULGE!
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THE OUTLAW WAITED A SPLIT SECOND, HIS EYES GAUGING HIS OPPONENT'S DRAW, AND THEN THE GREAT COLTS LEAPED FROM THEIR WORN HOLSTERS!
CLICK!
CLICK!
YOU'RE PLUMB DEAD, COLT!
TRIGGERS SNAPPED, BUT SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAD HAPPENED! THE HAMMERS OF THE OUTLAWS GUNS FLAILED HOPELESSLY AGAINST DEAD CARTRIDGES!
I SAID YOU WERE DEAD AND I MEANT IT! YOU JUST LOADED YORE GUNS WITH DUMMY SHELLS! I AIM TO PAY YOU OFF FOR THAT EAGLE PASS DICKER!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
TRY THAT ONE ON YORE JAW! DUMMIES AND ALL!
AAARGH!
COME AN' GET IT!
THERE'S A RECEIPT FER THAT AMMO!
IF YOU KILLED HIM I'LL KILL YOU, RAVEN! I WANT HIM TO DIE SLOW! I WANT HIM BUSTED IN A THOUSAND PIECES!
THEIR HEAVY BOOTS CRASHED INTO THE OUTLAW'S LIMP BODY AS THEY TORE AT THEIR HELPLESS VICTIM WITH THE SADISTIC SAVAGERY OF JUNGLE BEASTS!
NO, YOU AIN'T DYIN' THAT EASY! YOU'RE GONNA LIVE! BUT YOU'LL LOOK MORE LIKE A MANGLED CORPSE THAN A MAN! I'M GONNA BUST EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!
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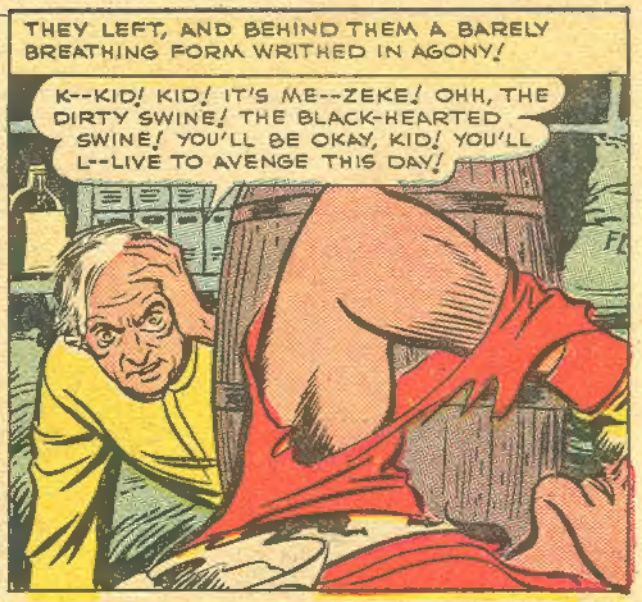
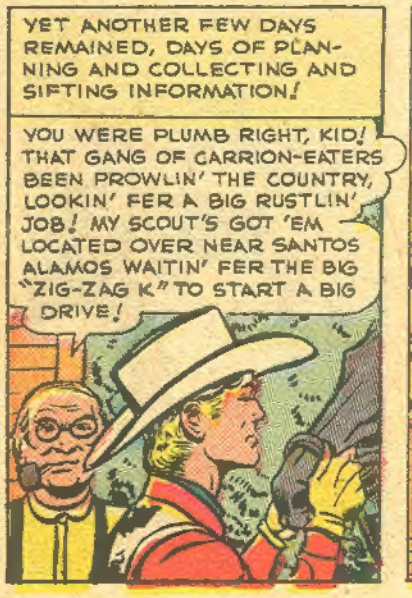
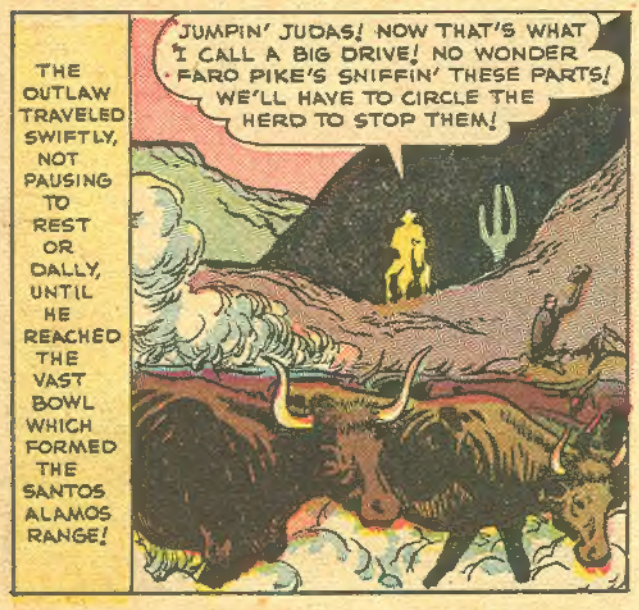
AND ONE FER GOOD MEASURE!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE! YOU AIN'T LEFT ENOUGH FER THE BUZZARDS TO FIGHT OVER!
WHOP


THEY LEFT, AND BEHIND THEM A BARELY BREATHING FORM WRITHED IN AGONY!
K--KID! KID! IT'S ME--ZEKE! OHH, THE DIRTY SWINE! THE BLACK-HEARTED SWINE! YOU'LL BE OKAY, KID! YOU'LL L--LIVE TO AVENGE THIS DAY!

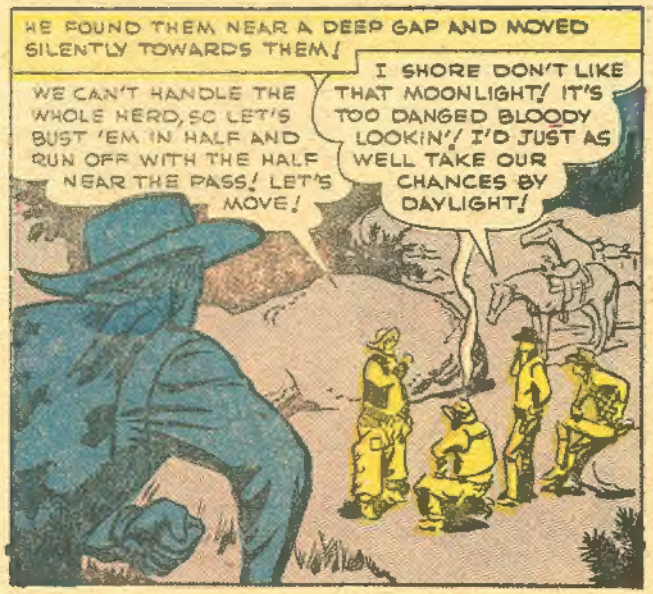
THREE WEEKS PASSED AND THE OUTLAW MENDED SWIFTLY UNDER THE CARE OF ZEKE AND HIS WIFE!
OWWW! I RECKON MY SYMPATHIES ARE WITH A BRANDED CALF NOW!
HOLD STILL! IT IS THE LAST OF MANY! MANITOU HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU!

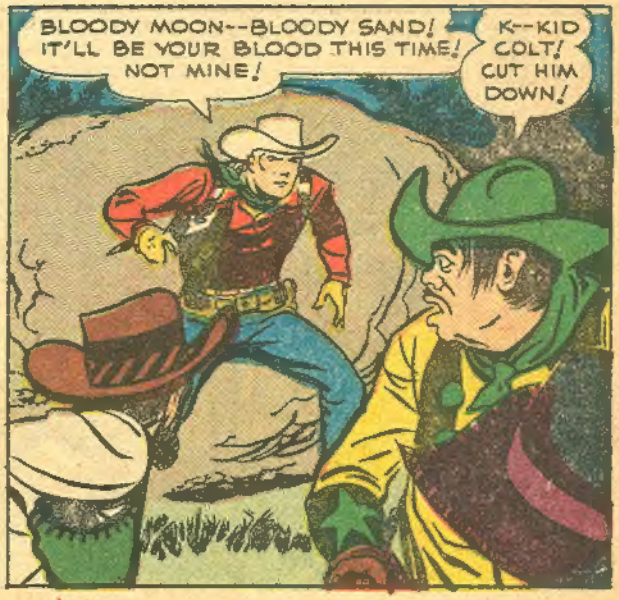

YET ANOTHER FEW DAYS REMAINED, DAYS OF PLANNING AND COLLECTING AND SIFTING INFORMATION!
YOU WERE PLUMB RIGHT, KID! THAT GANG OF CARRION-EATERS BEEN PROWLIN' THE COUNTRY, LOOKIN' FER A BIG RUSTLIN' JOB! MY SCOUT'S GOT 'EM LOCATED OVER NEAR SANTOS ALAMOS WAITIN' FER THE BIG "ZIG-ZAG K" TO START A BIG DRIVE!

THANKS, ZEKE! IF I GET 'EM, I'LL BE BACK TO TELL YOU! IF NOT--WELL, YOU KNOW I'LL TRY ME DERNDEST!


THE OUTLAW TRAVELED SWIFTLY, NOT PAUSING TO REST OR DALLY, UNTIL HE REACHED THE VAST BOWL WHICH FORMED THE SANTOS ALAMOS RANGE!
JUMPIN' JUDAS! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A BIG DRIVE! NO WONDER FARO PIKE'S SNIFFIN' THESE PARTS! WE'LL HAVE TO CIRCLE THE HERD TO STOP THEM!

HE RODE AROUND SLOWLY, KEEPING WELL ABOVE THE RANGELAND, SEARCHING EVERY DRAW AND GULLY TILL THE MOON BEGAN TO RISE!
THEY'LL BE MOVING IN ON THE HERD SOON! I'VE GOT TO PICK 'EM UP BEFORE THEY GET ORGANIZED!


HE FOUND THEM NEAR A DEEP GAP AND MOVED SILENTLY TOWARDS THEM!
WE CAN'T HANDLE THE WHOLE HERD, SO LET'S BUST 'EM IN HALF AND RUN OFF WITH THE HALF NEAR THE PASS! LET'S MOVE!
I SHORE DON'T LIKE THAT MOONLIGHT! IT'S TOO DANGED BLOODY LOOKIN'! I'D JUST AS WELL TAKE OUR CHANCES BY DAYLIGHT!


BLOODY MOON--BLOODY SAND! IT'LL BE YOUR BLOOD THIS TIME! NOT MINE!
K--KID COLT! CUT HIM DOWN!

HE TOOK NO CHANCES THIS TIME! HIS HANDS FLEW TO THE HOLSTERS AND WHISKED OUT THE DEADLY COLTS IN A SWIFT, SWEEPING, SINGLE MOTION!

LIKE A POUNCING CAT, THE OUTLAW LUNGED TOWARD HIS PREY!
I WANT MY HANDS ON YOU FIRST, AND WHAT'S LEFT GOES TO MY GUNS!

FOR LONG MINUTES THEY TORE, STRAINED, SCRATCHED, MAULED AND RIPPED IN A SILENT STRUGGLE WITNESSED ONLY BY A BLOOD-RED MOON!
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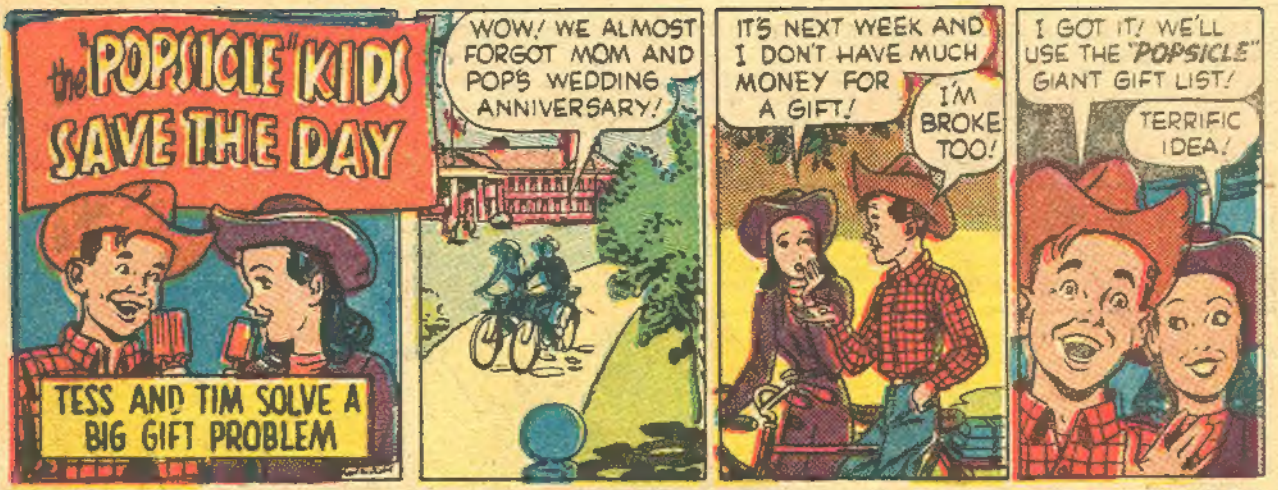
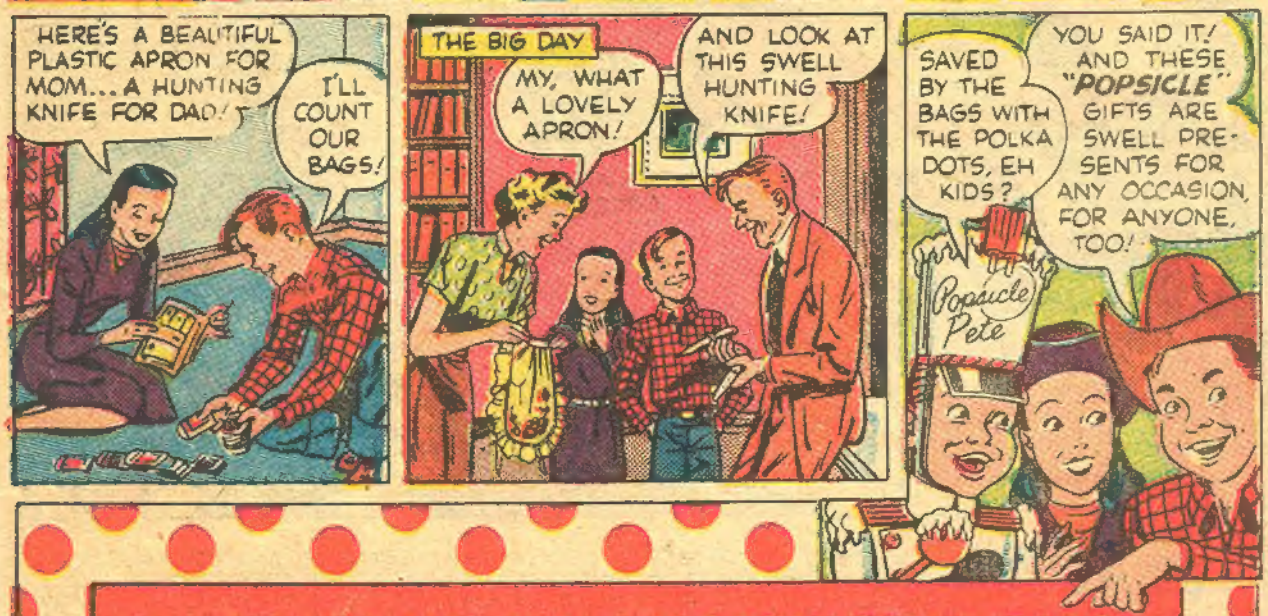
FOR ZEKE PARSONS! AND ME!
THE SILVER-HANDLED COLTS BARKED TWICE AS THEIR VICTIM SAGGED TO THE EARTH, WHILE A STAIN MUCH DEEPER THAN THE RED OF THE MOON SLOWLY SATURATED THE SAND!
THE END


the "POPSICLE" KIDS SAVE THE DAY
TESS AND TIM SOLVE A BIG GIFT PROBLEM
WOW! WE ALMOST FORGOT MOM AND POP'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!
IT'S NEXT WEEK AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY FOR A GIFT!
I'M BROKE TOO!
I GOT IT! WE'LL USE THE "POPSICLE" GIANT GIFT LIST!
TERRIFIC IDEA!


HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL PLASTIC APRON FOR MOM... A HUNTING KNIFE FOR DAD!
I'LL COUNT OUR BAGS!
THE BIG DAY
MY, WHAT A LOVELY APRON!
AND LOOK AT THIS SWELL HUNTING KNIFE!
SAVED BY THE BAGS WITH THE POLKA DOTS, EH KIDS?
YOU SAID IT! AND THESE "POPSICLE" GIFTS ARE SWELL PRESENTS FOR ANY OCCASION, FOR ANYONE, TOO!
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LEGION OF THE DEAD!

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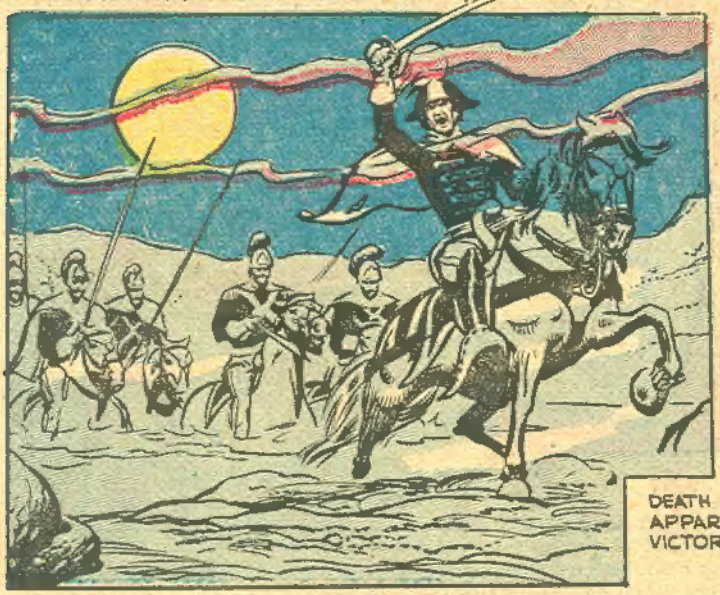
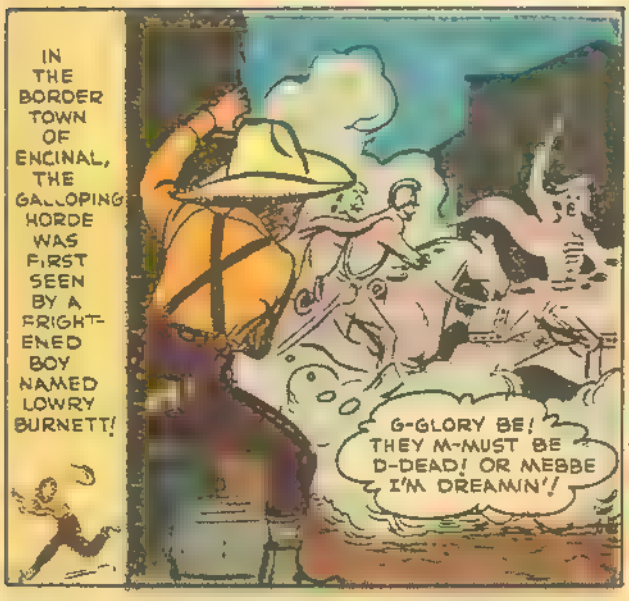
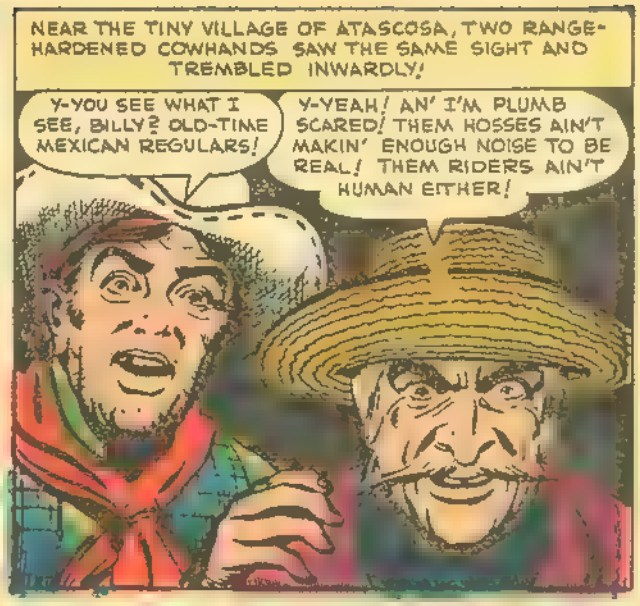
IN MARCH OF 1836 THE MEXICAN ARMY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL ANTONIO LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA, ASSAULTED THE FORT AT THE ALAMO, MASSACRED ITS DEFENDERS, THEN WENT DOWN TO DEFEAT AT SAN JACINTO AND WAS SENT REELING IN DISORDER ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE! AND NOW, YEARS LATER, THE GHOST OF SANTA ANNA RETURNED TO THE SCENES OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT TO WREAK HAVOC AND VENGEANCE ON THE LIVING!

NO LIVING PERSON SAW THE GHOSTLY LEGION RISE FROM THE SLUGGISH WATERS OF THE RIO GRANDE ON THAT TERRIBLE MOONLIT NIGHT! NO HUMAN EARS HEARD THE ___ RUMBLE OF HOOFBEATS ON THE PACKED EARTH!

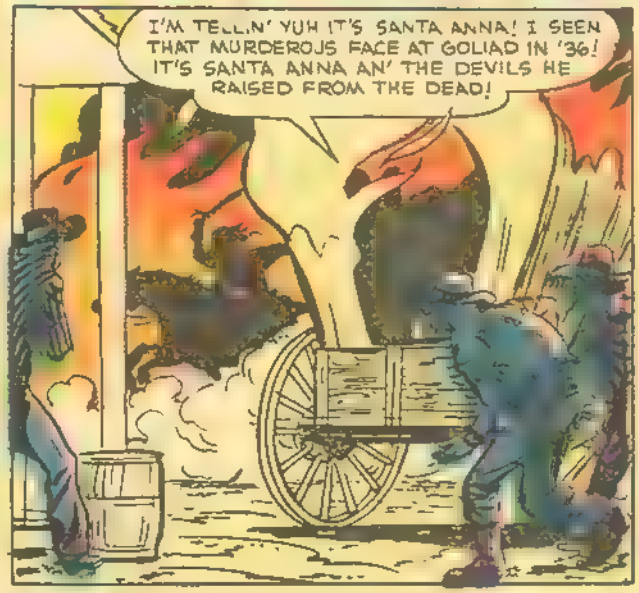


DEATH RIDES ON SILENT WINGS, AND SO RODE THESE APPARITIONS OF FEAR DOWN THE ANCIENT TRAIL OF VICTORS AND VANQUISHED WHICH HAD BLOODIED TEXAS SOIL FOR CENTURIES!

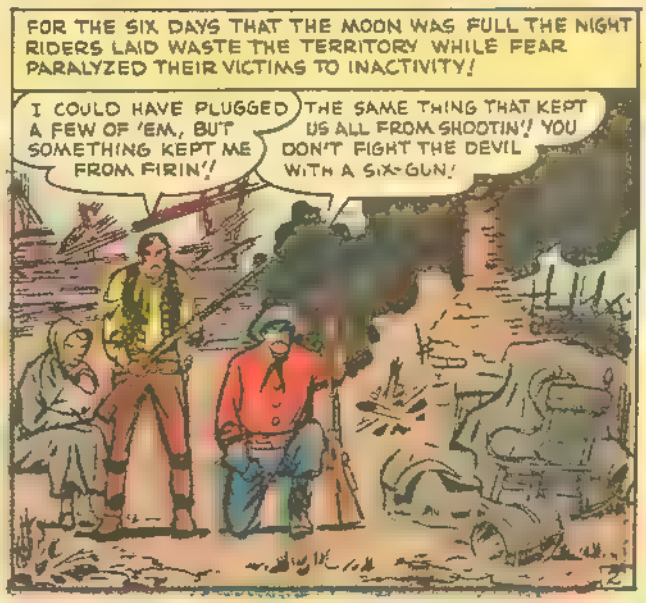

IN THE BORDER TOWN OF ENCINAL, THE GALLOPING HORDE WAS FIRST SEEN BY A FRIGHTENED BOY NAMED LOWRY BURNETT!
G-GLORY BE! THEY M-MUST BE D-DEAD! OR MEBBE I'M DREAMIN'!


NEAR THE TINY VILLAGE OF ATASCOSA, TWO RANGE-HARDENED COWHANDS SAW THE SAME SIGHT AND TREMBLED INWARDLY!
Y-YOU SEE WHAT I SEE, BILLY? OLD-TIME MEXICAN REGULARS!
Y-YEAH! AN' I'M PLUMB SCARED! THEM HOSSES AIN'T MAKIN' ENOUGH NOISE TO BE REAL! THEM RIDERS AIN'T HUMAN EITHER!

THE GRIM RIDERS STRUCK! HONDO FELL TO THE TORCH FIRST! THE TOWNS OF PEARSALL AND BIG FOOT FOLLOWED!


I'M TELLIN' YUH IT'S SANTA ANNA! I SEEN THAT MURDEROUS FACE AT GOLIAD IN '36! IT'S SANTA ANNA AN' THE DEVILS HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD!

AND SO THEY WENT, SCORCHING THE EARTH, PLUNDERING, LOOTING, AND KILLING BY THE LIGHT OF A BALEFUL MOON! AND AS DAWN SHEARED AWAY THE DARKNESS, THEY RETURNED AS THEY HAD COME--IN SILENCE!


FOR THE SIX DAYS THAT THE MOON WAS FULL THE NIGHT RIDERS LAID WASTE THE TERRITORY WHILE FEAR PARALYZED THEIR VICTIMS TO INACTIVITY!
I COULD HAVE PLUGGED A FEW OF 'EM, BUT SOMETHING KEPT ME FROM FIRIN'!
THE SAME THING THAT KEPT US ALL FROM SHOOTIN'! YOU DON'T FIGHT THE DEVIL WITH A SIX-GUN!

IN THE WAKE OF THE MARAUDERS' RAMPAGES, AN EMERGENCY MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICES--
INVESTIGATIONS ARE UNSATISFACTORY, COLONEL BROWER! I WANT ACTION AND THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS WANT PROTECTION! WHAT IS BEING DONE?
ALL OUR EFFORTS TO TRACK DOWN THE MARAUDERS HAVE FAILED SO FAR! THEY ARISE AND DISAPPEAR INTO THIN AIR NEAR OR ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE!
TEXAS
WHEREVER OUR MEN ARE PLANTED, THE NIGHT RIDERS STRIKE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE! THEY ARE BETTER INFORMED THAN WE ARE, SIR! THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO ASSIST US!
AND WHAT ABOUT THIS MATTER OF SANTA ANNA LEADING THEM? CAN IT BE POSSIBLE? MUST WE, AS INTELLIGENT MEN, BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?
GHOSTS OR NOT, OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES! GHOSTS DON'T STEAL CATTLE! BUT THESE RIDERS DO! I CAN ONLY PROMISE YOU THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO TRACK DOWN AND EXTERMINATE THEM!
DO SO, COLONEL! BY ALL MEANS, DO SO! TEXAS HAS SURVIVED WORSE DISASTERS AND WILL SURVIVE THIS ONE ALSO!
YOU'RE WANTED AT THE BARRACKS AT ONCE, SUH! ONE OF THE PATROLS PICKED UP KID COLT IN AGUA DULCE!
KID COLT? ALIVE? THAT'S MIGHTY HARD TO BELIEVE!
TEN MINUTES LATER--
WHERE'S CAPTAIN JACKSON?
IN YOUR OFFICE UNDER HEAVY GUARD, SIR! WE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL HE SPENT ALL HIS AMMUNITION WIPING OUT THE DRISCOLL GANG BEFORE WE COULD CLOSE IN ON HIM!
WAIT OUTSIDE, BOYS I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH COLT ALONE.
YES SUH.
HOWDY, K.D! WELL, I RECKON YOU'VE SAVED US A LOT OF TROUBLE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE DRISCOLL GANG! HOW MANY DID YOU TAKE?
WAL, I DIDN'T STOP TO COUNT, BUT I KNOW MATT DRISCOLL, HIS BROTHER SAM, AN' MAYBE A FEW OTHERS WON'T SEE TOMORROW!
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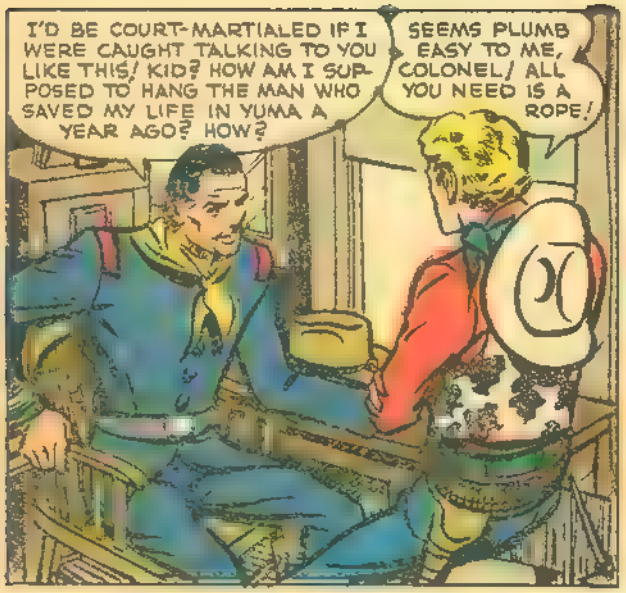
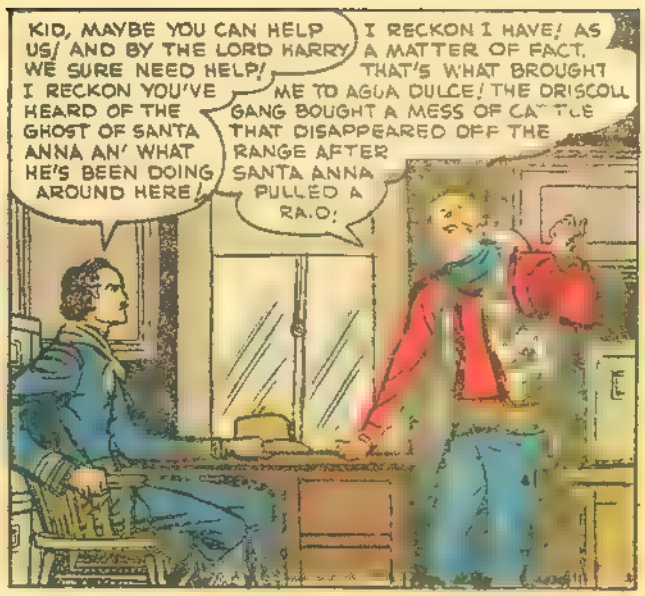

I'D BE COURT-MARTIALED IF I WERE CAUGHT TALKING TO YOU LIKE THIS, KID! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HANG THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE IN YUMA A YEAR AGO? HOW?
SEEMS PLUMB EASY TO ME, COLONEL! ALL YOU NEED IS A ROPE!

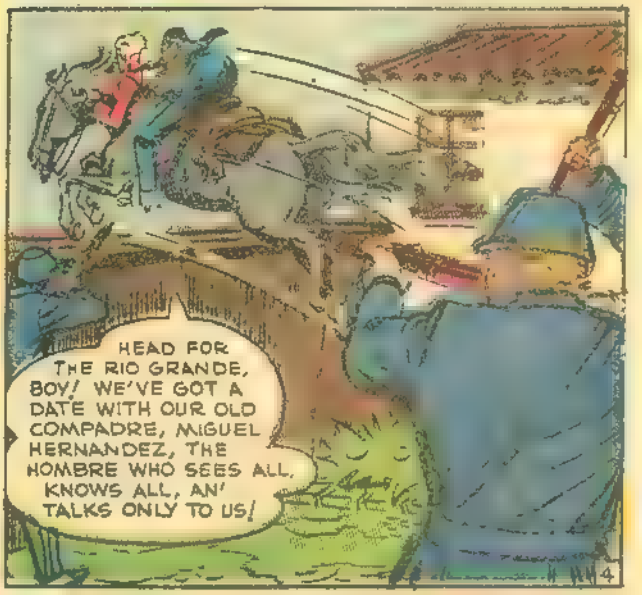

KID, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US! AND BY THE LORD HARRY WE SURE NEED HELP! I RECKON YOU'VE HEARD OF THE GHOST OF SANTA ANNA AN' WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING AROUND HERE!
I RECKON I HAVE! AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT ME TO AGUA DULCE! THE DRISCOLL GANG BOUGHT A MESS OF CATTLE THAT DISAPPEARED OFF THE RANGE AFTER SANTA ANNA PULLED A RA.O!

YOU MEAN DRISCOLL AND THE SANTA ANNA BUNCH WORKED TOGETHER?
ALL I KNOW IS DRISCOLL BOUGHT CATTLE THAT SANTA ANNA AND HIS GHOST RIDERS RUSTLED!

JINGLE YOUR SPURS, KID! TRACK DOWN THE REST OF THE BUNCH AN' CALL ME IF YOU NEED HELP! TEXAS NEEDS MORE OUTLAWS LIKE YOU!
OUTLAWS LIKE ME NEED MORE COLONELS LIKE YOU, SUH! 'STA LA VISTA!

WITH CAT-LIKE GRACE THE OUTLAW LANDED IN THE COURTYARD WEAVING AND DODGING A HAIL OF LEAD!
IT'S K-KID COLT! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! GUARDS! GUARDS!

I'M GIVIN' YOU YORE HEAD, BOY! PICK A SPOT YOU CAN CLEAR AN' HEAD FOR IT!


HEAD FOR THE RIO GRANDE, BOY! WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH OUR OLD COMPADRE, MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, THE HOMBRE WHO SEES ALL, KNOWS ALL, AN' TALKS ONLY TO US!

AND AS THE SUN BEGAN DIPPING TO THE CRESTS OF PURPLE MOUNTAINS--
HOLA! BUENOS DIAS, COMPANERO! THE SUN SETS RED LIKE BLOOD ON THE RIVER AND OLD MIGUEL SAY TO HIMSELF IT EES A SIGN OF BATTLE AND OF GOOD MEN AGAINST BAD!
HOWDY, MIGUEL! I RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, IN A WAY!
LOOKS LIKE YOU FOLKS DON'T MAKE YOUR GRAVESTONES HEAVY ENOUGH TO KEEP THE GHOSTS IN THE GROUND! FOLKS SAY THEY'VE SEEN SANTA ANNA A-RIDIN' THE RANGE AGAIN!
BAH! THESE EES THE TALK OF CHICKENS AND OLD WOMEN! ALREADY I KNEW YOU HAVE COME TO TALK OF THESE THINGS! I WEEL SADDLE OLD CONQUISTADOR AND SHOW YOU THAT THE DEAD DO NOT RISE!
GHOSTS--BAH! ALWAYS THERE EES SOME GRINGOS WHO MAKE THE POOR PEON SUFFER! ALWAYS THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE TALES!
WAL, HERE'S ONE GRINGO WHO DOESN'T! YOU'VE GOT EYES AND EARS ALONG THE RIVER! SHOW ME WHAT'S HAPPENIN'!
SEE WHERE I POINT? THEY GATHER THERE IN THE ROBES OF THE OLD MEXICAN ARMY AND RIDE INLAND! TONIGHT THERE EES A MOON! THEY WEEL RIDE AGAIN AND YOU WEEL SEE!
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! GRACIAS AMIGO!
HALF AN HOUR LATER, THE OUTLAW BEDDED HIMSELF DOWN IN A CLUMP OF UNDERBRUSH, EYES AND EARS TUNED TO THE STILLNESS OF THE NIGHT--
MIGUEL MADE A HEAP OF SENSE! WHOEVER'S MASQUERADIN' AS SANTA ANNA IS USIN' THIS PART OF THE RIVER FOR A JUMP-OFF!
AN HOUR PASSED, THEN ANOTHER, AND ABRUPTLY THE NIGHT BECAME FILLED WITH ALIEN SOUNDS AND FLITTING SHADOWS!
HERE THEY COME! THEIR HOSSES' FEET ARE SWATHED IN BURLAP FOR SILENCE AN' THEY'RE TRYIN' TO LOSE THEIR TRACKS IN THE RIVER!
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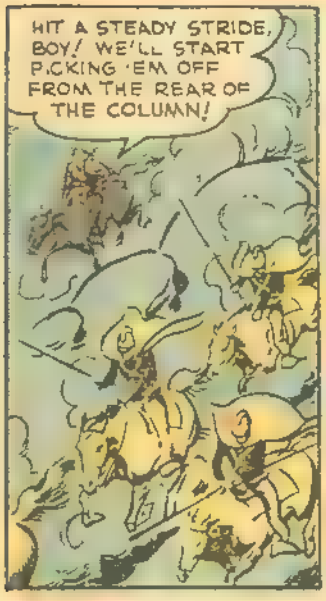
THEY'RE STRUNG OUT IN TWOS AN' THREES! IT'S GOIN' TO MAKE MY WORK A HEAP EASIER!

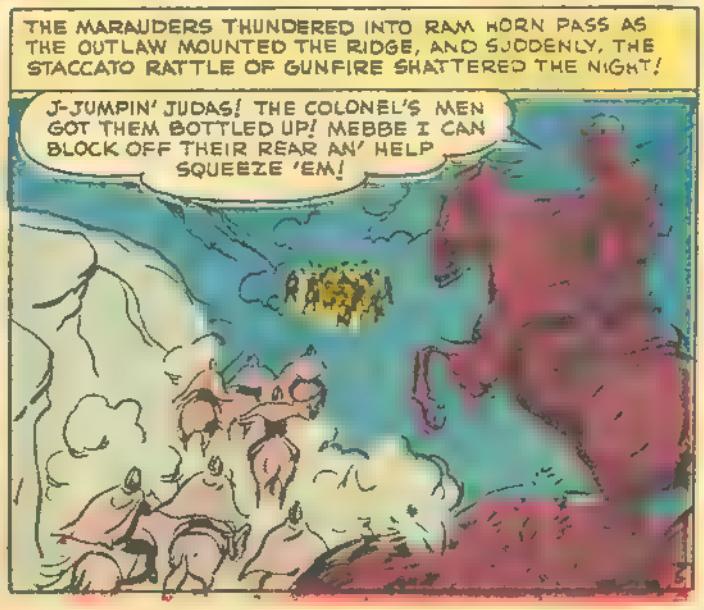
RIDE, BOY! WE'RE GOIN' TO KEEP ON THEIR FLANKS AN' DO SOME FANCY GUNNING! IF YOU CAN'T BLAST A ROCK APART, YOU CAN CHIP IT OFF! WE'RE GOIN' TO START CHIPPING, STEEL!

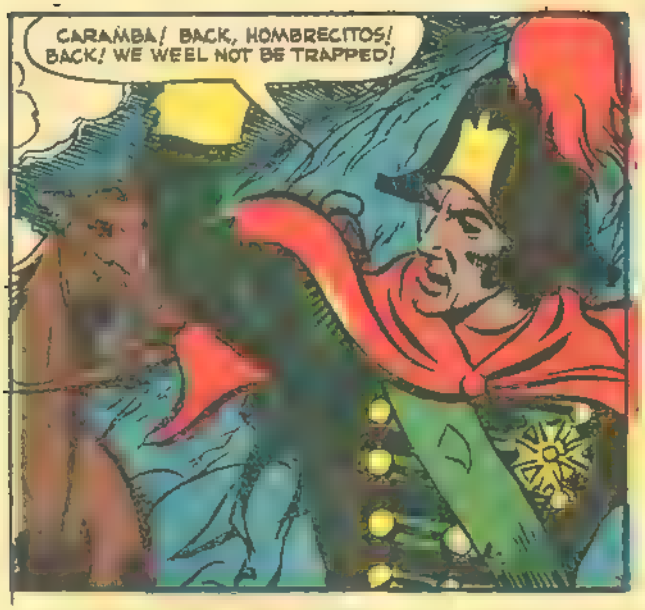

HIT A STEADY STRIDE, BOY! WE'LL START PICKING 'EM OFF FROM THE REAR OF THE COLUMN!

THE WINCHESTER CRACKED TWICE IN RAPID SUCCESSION, ITS MUZZLE FLASH PIERCING THE DARKNESS IN STABBING JETS OF FLAME.

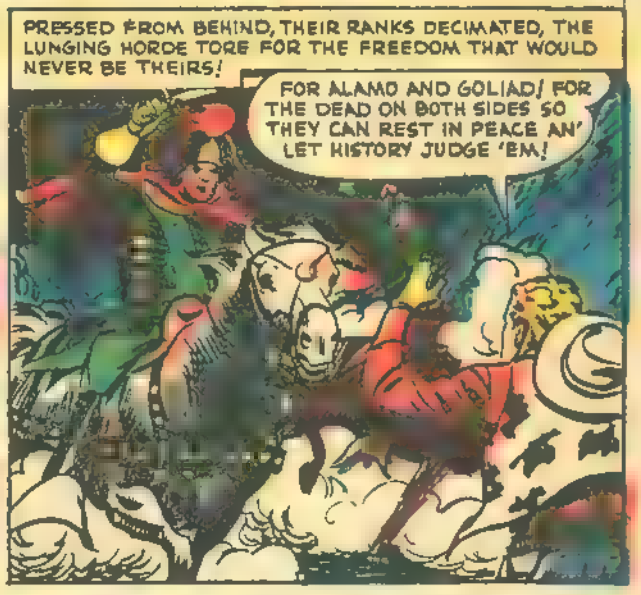
TWICE MORE AND THEN THRICE, THE WINCHESTER BARKED AS THE OUTLAW WORKED THE LEVER WITH LIGHTNING-LIKE SPEED--

THEY AIN'T EVEN STOPPIN' TO PICK UP THEIR DEAD! WE'LL HAVE TO GET AHEAD OF 'EM AN' REALLY MAKE 'EM HURT!

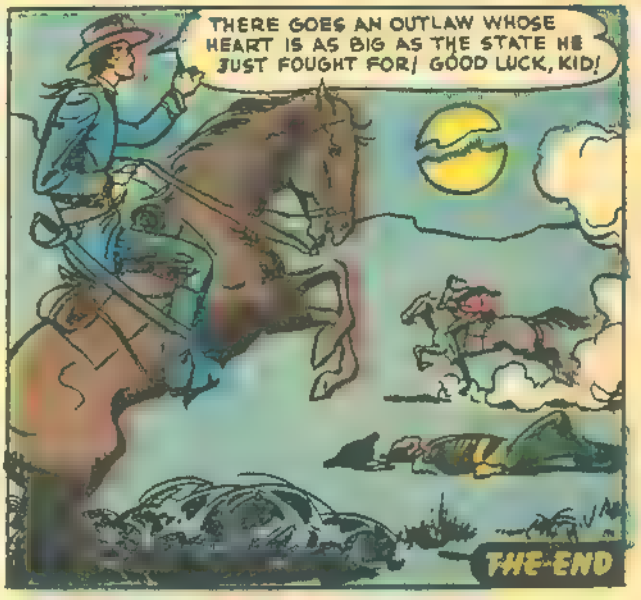

THE MARAUDERS THUNDERED INTO RAM HORN PASS AS THE OUTLAW MOUNTED THE RIDGE, AND SUDDENLY, THE STACCATO RATTLE OF GUNFIRE SHATTERED THE NIGHT!
J-JUMPIN' JUDAS! THE COLONEL'S MEN GOT THEM BOTTLED UP! MEBBE I CAN BLOCK OFF THEIR REAR AN' HELP SQUEEZE 'EM!


CARAMBA! BACK, HOMBRECITOS! BACK! WE WEEL NOT BE TRAPPED!

BUT EVEN THE ROAD BACK WAS BLOCKED, AND THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE CAVALRY ATTACK SAW A LONE MAN WHOSE BLAZING GUNS STRADDLED THEIR ESCAPE EXIT!
WHADAM!
WHDAM!


PRESSED FROM BEHIND, THEIR RANKS DECIMATED, THE LUNGING HORDE TORE FOR THE FREEDOM THAT WOULD NEVER BE THEIRS!
FOR ALAMO AND GOLIAD! FOR THE DEAD ON BOTH SIDES SO THEY CAN REST IN PEACE AN' LET HISTORY JUDGE 'EM!

MIGUEL WAS RIGHT! IF THIS HOMBRE IS SANTA ANNA, THEN I'M DAVY CROCKETT!


THERE GOES AN OUTLAW WHOSE HEART IS AS BIG AS THE STATE HE JUST FOUGHT FOR! GOOD LUCK, KID!
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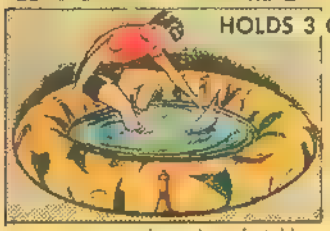

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LAW OF THE RANGE

THE two men looked up at the four approaching riders. The sun, already high in the cloudless, blue sky, promised another hot, dusty day, and the only cool spot for miles was on the banks of the little brook where the two had camped for the night.

"Looks like we got company for breakfast," said Bud Cullen, sitting on a large rock, to his partner, Joe Masters, who was busy with a pan over the fire. "They're a long way out for so early in the morning. Wonder what they're after?"

"We'll find out soon enough, Bud," said Joe, again giving his full attention to the bacon in the pan. "Feels like trouble, but let them make their play!"

In a few minutes the four horses were being reined to a stop, and one man, slightly in front of the others, addressed himself to Bud.

"Don't you saddle tramps know you're trespassing on Crooked J property?" sneered the man on the horse. "There are signs posted everywhere for anyone to read, that is, if you can read! Pack up and get riding, and don't let me catch you around here again!"

"What's your name, mister?" said Joe quietly, standing up. "And what's the idea of making us go all the way back that way? It's almost 45 miles, and hot ridin' to Gila Bend around Snake Hill!"

"Well, if it will make your riding a little easier, I'm Don Greer, superintendent of the Crooked J Ranch," replied the mounted man. "Now, do I have to have my men help you? or are you packing up and leaving—peacefully!"

As Greer finished speaking, Bud was standing straight up, his lean six feet swaying on his outspread legs, a six shooter in each hand. So fast had he moved, that the four men were covered before they had time to draw. Joe, carefully placing his pan of bacon alongside the pot of boiling coffee, stood up, grinning, his hands swinging at his gun butts.

"Shouldn't never talk to Bud like that, Mr. Greer," said Joe, still grinning. "He never did like bad mannered folks. They rile him somethin' awful!"

"All four of you, throw down your guns," said Bud, quietly. "Then get off your horses and reach for the sky! And be careful, my fingers get itchy when folks don't do like they're told! Mr. Greer, one of these days when I've got time to waste, I'm going to teach you some manners! Joe, get their guns and keep 'em covered!"

Joe scooped up their guns and came back to where Bud stood. The four held their hands in the air as Bud kept his guns on them.

"Greer," said Bud crisply, "You're going to take us to Buck Johnson at the Crooked J Ranch house. "And," as the four men glanced at each other, "In order not to have any trouble with you other three hombres, we'll leave you out here, tied to that tree. Joe get their ropes and tie 'em up!"

A short time later—with the three horses to guide them—the riders, cresting a small ridge, saw the Crooked J Ranch house. Far and away the largest ranch in the county, Buck Johnson's place nestled in a natural valley, surrounded by Snake Hills. The closer they got, the more nervous Greer seemed to get. Licking his lips, he continually looked back, as though expecting someone to rescue him from his predicament.

Riding into the corral, they dismounted. For such a large, well organized place, it seemed unusually quiet and deserted. Bud and Joe, their guns in their hands, pushing Greer ahead of them, started towards the house. Reaching the door, Greer stopped. He reached for his handkerchief, removed his Stetson, and mopped his brow. It was a combination of the heat and a strange fear that had taken hold of him from the moment he saw these two men.

"Mr. Johnson is in the house," rasped Greer hoarsely. "I don't have to go with you. I've got some work to do in my office. I'll see you later."

"Oh no you don't, Greer," said Bud grimly. "Suddenly, I have developed a liking for your company, ill-mannered and ungracious as you are. Besides, Mr. Johnson doesn't know us, and who could better introduce us than his superintendent? Now get going!"

He shoved Greer towards the door, and, with their guns cocked, he and Joe followed, not knowing what to expect. What they saw amazed them! Buck Johnson and his daughter, Bonnie, bound, back to back on two chairs, and gagged!

"Keep that rat covered, Joe," commanded Bud. "We're goin' to have a right interestin' conversation when I get these folks untied!"

Taking a knife from his pocket as he stepped towards the grizzled old rancher and his daughter, he slashed at the ropes, and had them free in less time than it takes to write. He then removed their gags, and before he could say a word, Buck's roaring voice filled the room.

"Greer," he boomed, "What in tarnation you doin' in my house? I fired you yesterday and I meant it! Now get out and stay out! And if I come across the hombres who tied me and Bonnie up, they better look to their guns!"

"Just a minute, Mr. Johnson," said Bud, quietly. "We aim to hold on to Mr. Greer for a spell. He's an important man, and we'll want to talk to him, later."

"Who're you two?" growled Johnson. "How come you knew about this? Where's his gun slingers?"

"One thing at a time, sir," said Bud, smiling at Bonnie. "First of all, you and Miss Bonnie alright

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YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

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WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you *can* and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities —intelligence, character, dignity— all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out, with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

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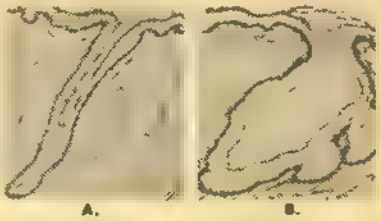
The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin B. Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

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now? Joe Masters and I are from Austin. I'm Bud Cullen. Captain Marshall sent us over, after he got Miss Bonnie's letter. We ran into Greer and three of his men just before breakfast this morning. They tried to run us off the Crooked J. But right prevailed, and the three gun slingers are tied up to a tree in your North pasture."

Buck Johnson's seamed, sun tanned face broke into a grin, and Bonnie, still rubbing her wrists, looked at Bud, and smiled, too.

"Looks like you boys had a right busy mornin'," said Buck, still grinning. "Bonnie, get some coffee. Then we'll have a talk. Let's lock this hombre in the meat house, where he can't make any more trouble. Those three you got tied up out there, did the same thing to Bonnie and me this mornin'!"

"Greer's through making trouble, Mr. Johnson," said Bud grimly, "But I want to find out who's behind all this, and he's the one who's goin' to tell us. Joe'll just tie him to the chair, and let him wait, while we have that coffee."

Joe had just finished hog-tying Greer to the chair in which, a few minutes earlier, Buck Johnson had sat, helpless, when Bonnie appeared with a large pot of coffee, cups, and a platter of hot biscuits. After their second breakfast, this time a light one, Bud turned to the rancher.

"Mr. Johnson," said Bud in a business-like tone. "We have no information. Miss Bonnie just wrote that there was trouble here, and would Captain Marshall send a couple of men over. Tell us what it's all about, so we know where we're goin'. Sure glad we got here in time!"

"That's the only time I've been able to get away from Greer or his men in the past month," broke in Bonnie, before her father could start. "I gave the letter to Pete, the stage driver."

"The trouble began," said Buck, glowering at the ex-superintendent, "when Greer came across a report showing oil deposits in the north pasture. He's tied up with Gil Carver, the banker, and one of the engineers who made the survey. They tried to buy me out, and when I wouldn't sell at any price, they made us their prisoners."

"Wait," snapped Bud, as he raced to the window. "There are five men riding this way. I suppose they are part of Carver's gang?"

"Yes," replied Johnson. "Carver said he was coming this morning to give me one last chance to change my mind, and sell. That's why they tied us up. He and Greer made all sorts of threats last night, and I don't know what would have happened if you and Joe hadn't come along!"

"Miss Johnson," snapped Bud. "Get in a safe place! Joe cover the other window! Mr. Johnson, you'd better go with Miss Bonnie!"

"We're both staying, Mister Cullen," said Bonnie, quietly. "We're not in the habit of letting others do our fighting!" she said, as she strode to the closet, took down a gun belt, and fastened it on. "I'm

pretty good with a gun, and don't overlook Dad! He's the best shot in the county! Just tell us where we'll do the most good!"

"That's fine," answered Bud. "You and your Dad cover the rear windows, and don't take any chances, either of you. That's an order!"

It was a minute later that the door opened, and Carver stood in the doorway. Before he knew what was happening, Bud grabbed his arm and yanked him into the room, slamming shut the door, with the same motion. Before he could regain his balance, Joe had lifted his gun.

The answer came quickly enough! Three shots crashed through the windows, and drove everyone back.

"Mr. Johnson," snapped Bud, "keep Carver covered, and if he tries anything funny, shoot him!"

"I hope he tries," growled the old man. "It'll be a pleasure!"

Joe's gun barked, and he smiled at Bud. "Two making for the barn to the left. I'll get a clean shot at 'em in a minute."

His gun barked again, and almost simultaneously, Bud's gun echoed his pardner's. It was his turn to smile.

"Those two won't use their gun hands for two weeks," said Bud grimly. "That leaves two more. Wait, Joe," he said. "They're ridin' off. I guess they don't like bein' shot at. Now we can give all our time to Carver and Greer."

"Carver we're Deputy U.S. Marshals from Austin," said Bud, crisply. "Better start talking, and don't leave out any of the details."

"You'll get nothing out of me, Marshal," snarled Carver. "Keep your mouth shut, Greer."

Bud walked towards Carver, unbuckling his gun belt, and laying it on the table. Reaching Carver, he smashed a hard right to the banker's chin, knocking him up against the wall. He came back at Bud, and hit him a glancing blow on the head, staggering him. Bud came in, and smashed another right to Carvers jaw, knocking him against the table. As his hands reached behind him to break his fall, Carver felt Bud's guns. He pulled one from its holster, and brought it round, covering Bud.

In the deep silence that followed, every one in the room heard the click as Carver released the safety catch. But he never lived to use it, for Buck Johnson's .45 roared, and Carver slid to the floor, dead.

It was a week later. Bud and Joe were mounted in the Crooked J. corral, saying their goodbyes to Buck Johnson and Bonnie, in bright sunshine of the early morning.

"The job of superintendent is yours as soon as you make arrangements, Bud," smiled Buck. "Joe told me last night, he's coming back with you. Make it as soon as possible."

"Goodbye, Bud," said Bonnie smiling up at him. "Don't let those arrangements take too long."

"We'll have to stay until Greer and his boys are tried," smiled Bud. "But that won't take long. The sheriff's loaning us two deputies to take this gang back. See you then, folks."

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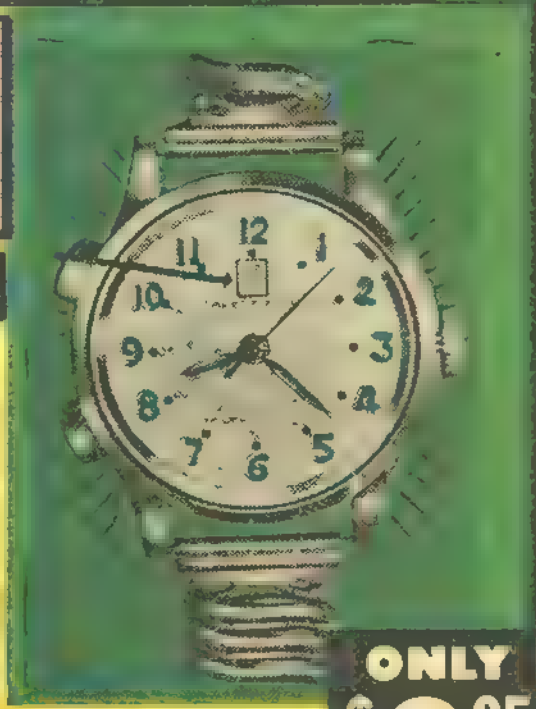

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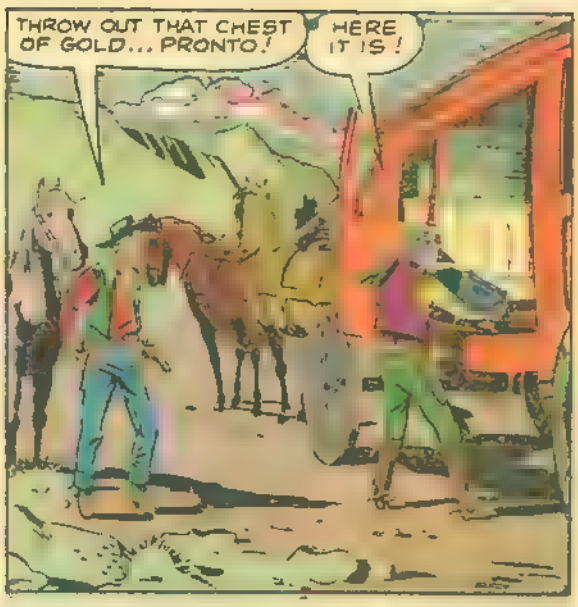

THROW OUT THAT CHEST OF GOLD... PRONTO!
HERE IT 'S!

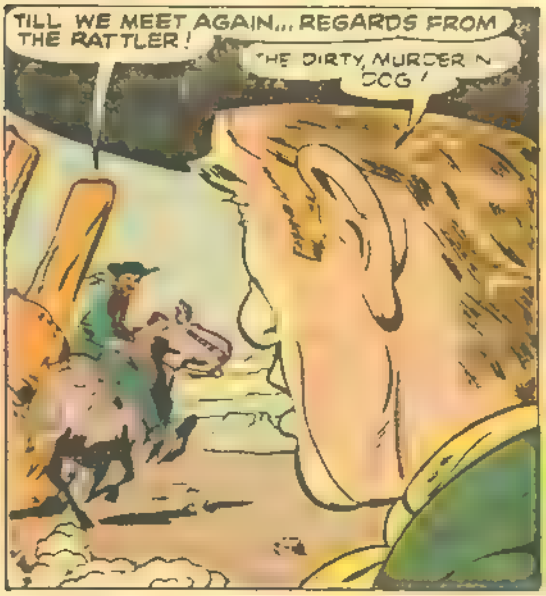
BANG!

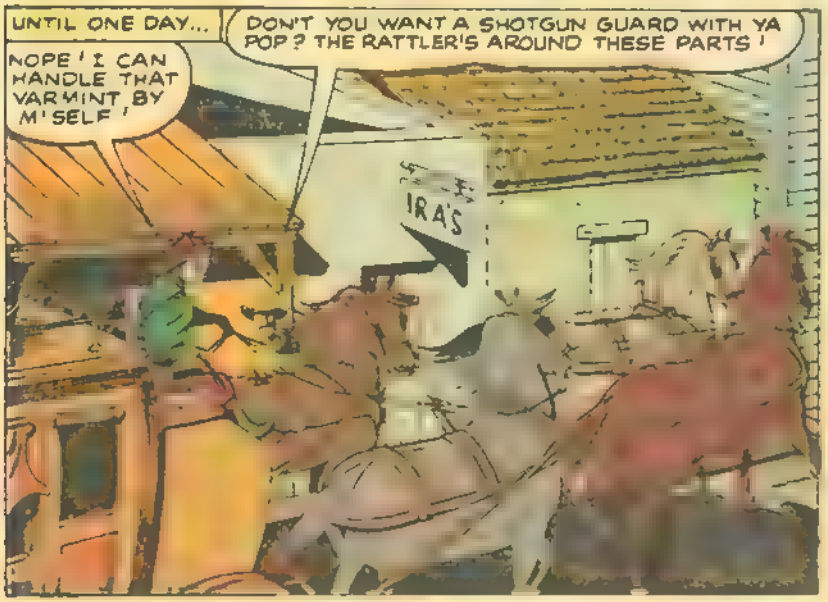
AH! THIS WAS WORTH ALL MY TROUBLE!

TILL WE MEET AGAIN... REGARDS FROM THE RATTLER!
THE RATTLER!

THE NEXT DAY
THEY SAY HE'S THE MEANEST HOMBRE IN THE WEST!
THEY'LL CATCH 'IM SOONER OR LATER!
REWARD
THE RATTLER
DEAD OR ALIV

AND THE NEXT.
THE RATTLER!
UGH!
BANG!




UNTIL ONE DAY...
DON'T YOU WANT A SHOTGUN GUARD WITH YA POP? THE RATTLER'S AROUND THESE PARTS!
NOPE! I CAN HANDLE THAT VARMINT BY M'SELF!
IRA'S

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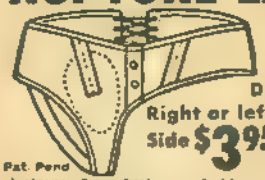

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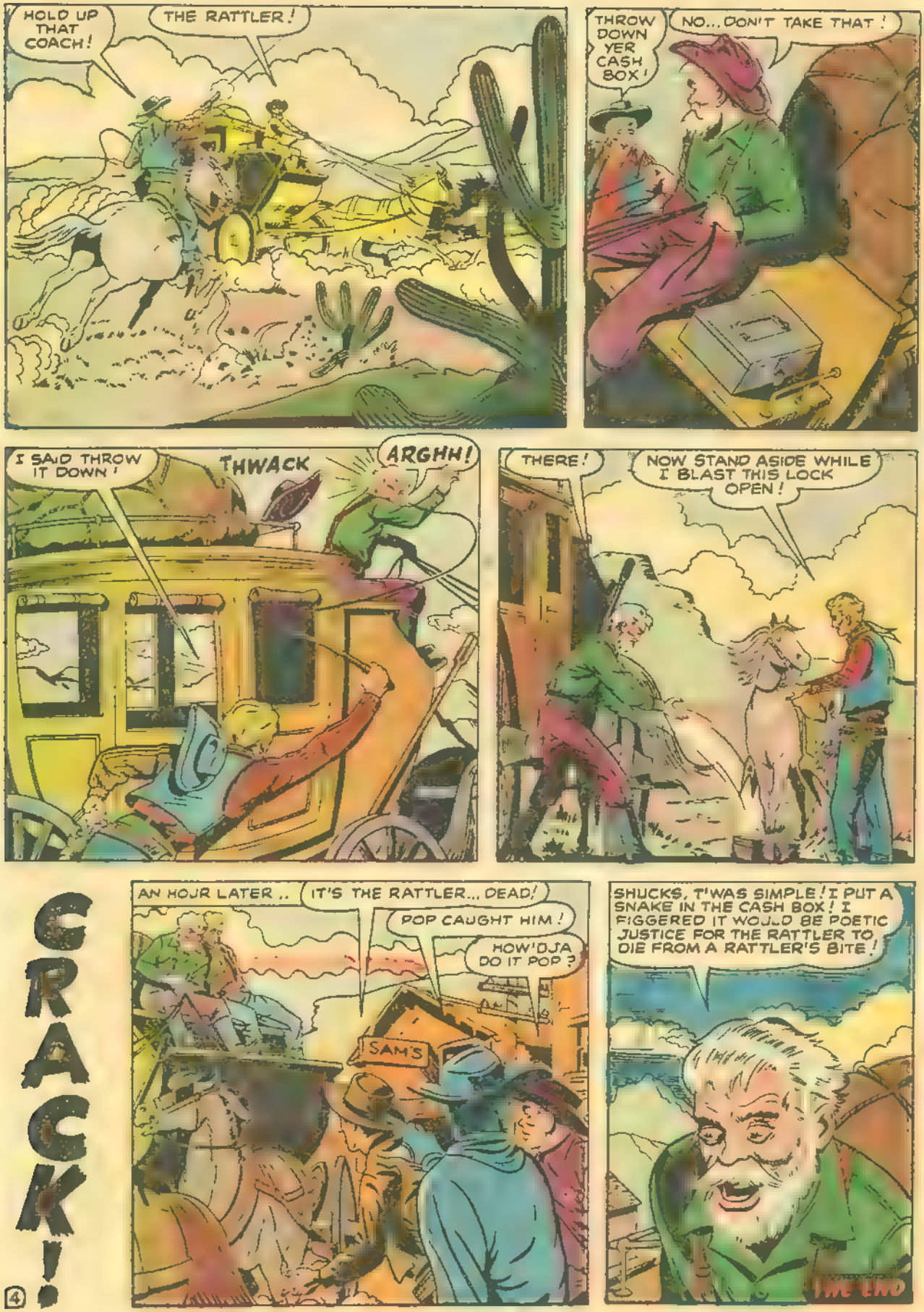
HOLD UP THAT COACH!
THE RATTLER!
THROW DOWN YER CASH BOX!
NO... DON'T TAKE THAT!
I SAID THROW IT DOWN!
THWACK
ARGHH!
THERE!
NOW STAND ASIDE WHILE I BLAST THIS LOCK OPEN!
AN HOUR LATER..
IT'S THE RATTLER... DEAD!
POP CAUGHT HIM!
HOW'DJA DO IT POP?
SAM'S
SHUCKS, T'WAS SIMPLE! I PUT A SNAKE IN THE CASH BOX! I FIGGERED IT WOULD BE POETIC JUSTICE FOR THE RATTLER TO DIE FROM A RATTLER'S BITE!
THE END
CRACK!
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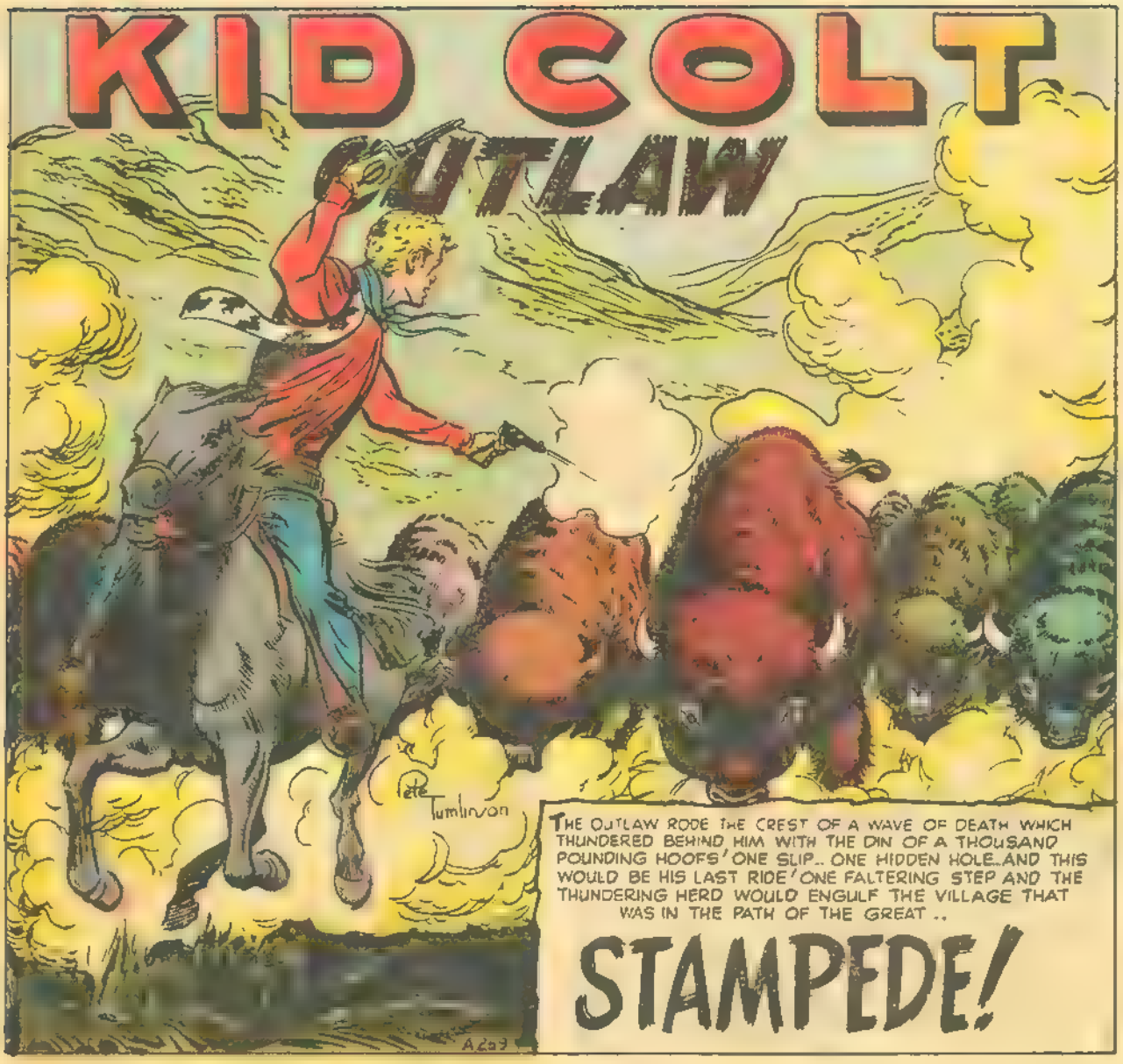
KID COLT OUTLAW



THE OUTLAW RODE THE CREST OF A WAVE OF DEATH WHICH THUNDERED BEHIND HIM WITH THE DIN OF A THOUSAND POUNDING HOOFS' ONE SLIP.. ONE HIDDEN HOLE..AND THIS WOULD BE HIS LAST RIDE' ONE FALTERING STEP AND THE THUNDERING HERD WOULD ENGULF THE VILLAGE THAT WAS IN THE PATH OF THE GREAT ..

STAMPEDE!

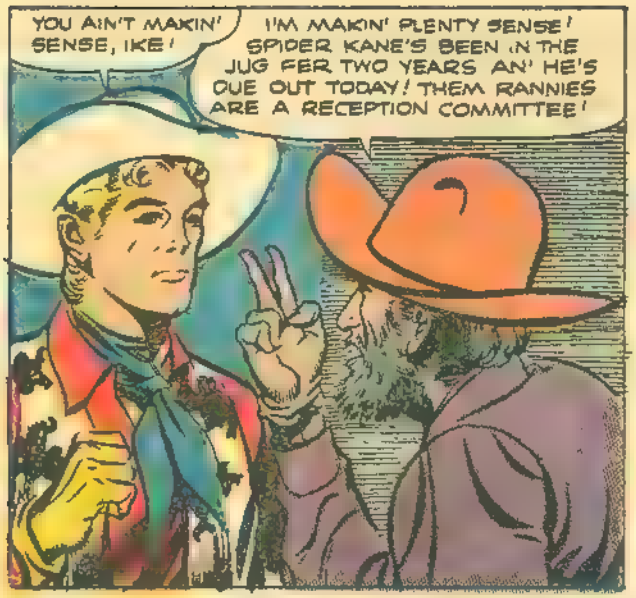
KID COLT SAW THEM FIRST.. F.VE HARD-BITTEN R DERS WHOSE THIN L.PS CURLED DOWN-WARD WITH THE BITTER MARKS OF KILLERS!

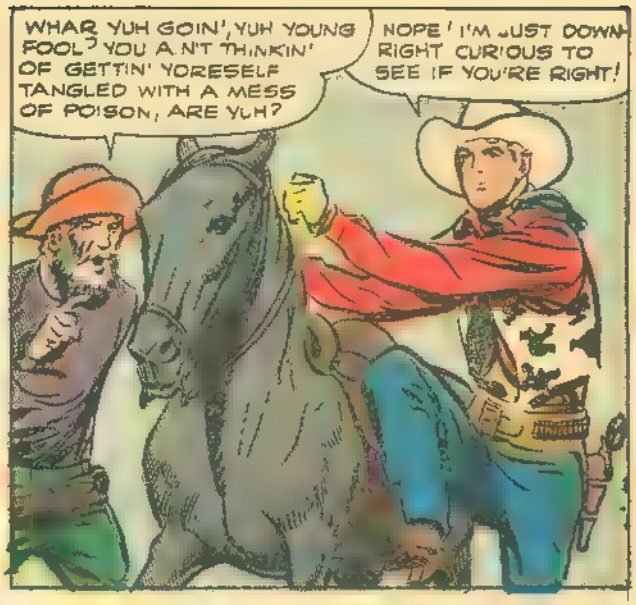
TROUBLE'S RIDING INTO TOWN, IKE' YOU KNOW THEM HOMBRES?

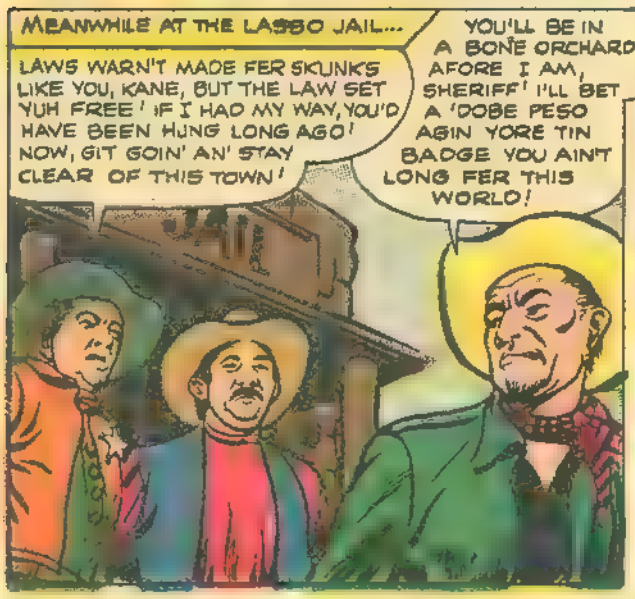
TROUBLE IS RIGHT' THEM FIRST TWO IS LOBO NASH AN' SERAPE JOE' LAST TIME I HEARD OF 'EM, THEY WAS OOIN' TIME DOWN IN YUMA!

LOBO NASH, EH? NOW THERE'S A NAME STR KES A MEM'RY NOTE SOMEWHERE' WASN'T HE TIED N WITH THE SP DER KANE GANG?

S-SPIDER KANE? JUMPIN' JUDAS! TH-THINGS ARE BEGINNIN' TO ADD UP!

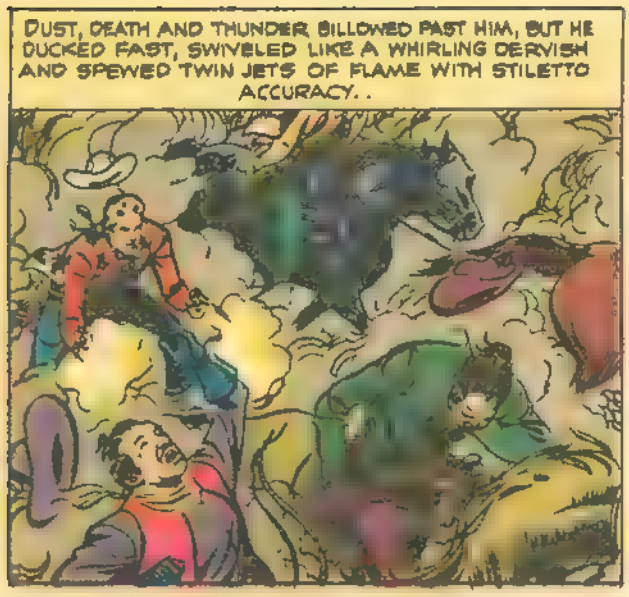

YOU AIN'T MAKIN' SENSE, IKE!
I'M MAKIN' PLENTY SENSE! SPIDER KANE'S BEEN IN THE JUG FER TWO YEARS AN' HE'S DUE OUT TODAY! THEM RANNIES ARE A RECEPTION COMMITTEE!


WHAR YUH GOIN', YUH YOUNG FOOL? YOU AIN'T THINKIN' OF GETTIN' YORESELF TANGLED WITH A MESS OF POISON, ARE YUH?
NOPE! I'M JUST DOWN-RIGHT CURIOUS TO SEE IF YOU'RE RIGHT!


MEANWHILE AT THE LASSO JAIL...
LAWS WARN'T MADE FER SKUNKS LIKE YOU, KANE, BUT THE LAW SET YUH FREE! IF I HAD MY WAY, YOU'D HAVE BEEN HUNG LONG AGO! NOW, GIT GOIN' AN' STAY CLEAR OF THIS TOWN!
YOU'LL BE IN A BONE ORCHARD AFORE I AM, SHERIFF! I'LL BET A 'DOBE PESO AGIN YORE TIN BADGE YOU AIN'T LONG FER THIS WORLD!

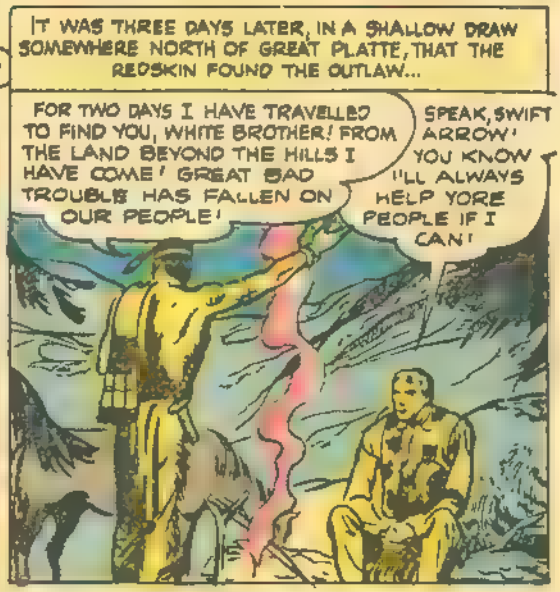
A SWIRL OF ANGRY HOOFS DESCENDED ON THE SCENE. A FLURRY OF SHOTS MINGLED WITH MUTTERED OATHS, AND..
RECKON I WON THAT BET! HOWDY AN' LET'S RIDE, BOYS!

THE OUTLAW WAITED IN FULL VIEW AS THE HORSEMEN THUNDERED DOWN ON HIM! HE WAITED UNTIL HE WAS SURE THERE WOULD BE NO TURNING. NO MISTAKES! THEN..

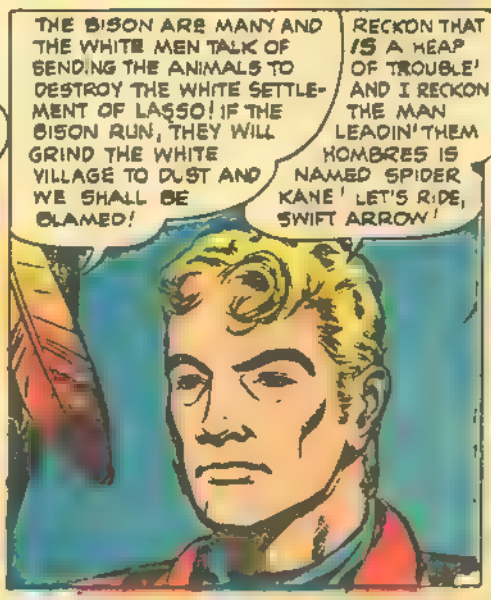

DUST, DEATH AND THUNDER BILLOWED PAST HIM, BUT HE DUCKED FAST, SWIVELED LIKE A WHIRLING DERVISH AND SPEWED TWIN JETS OF FLAME WITH STILETTO ACCURACY..

ONE MORE FELL IN A FAST GOING-AWAY SHOT, AND THE MARAUDERS WERE GONE..
AND ONE FOR GOOD LUCK!

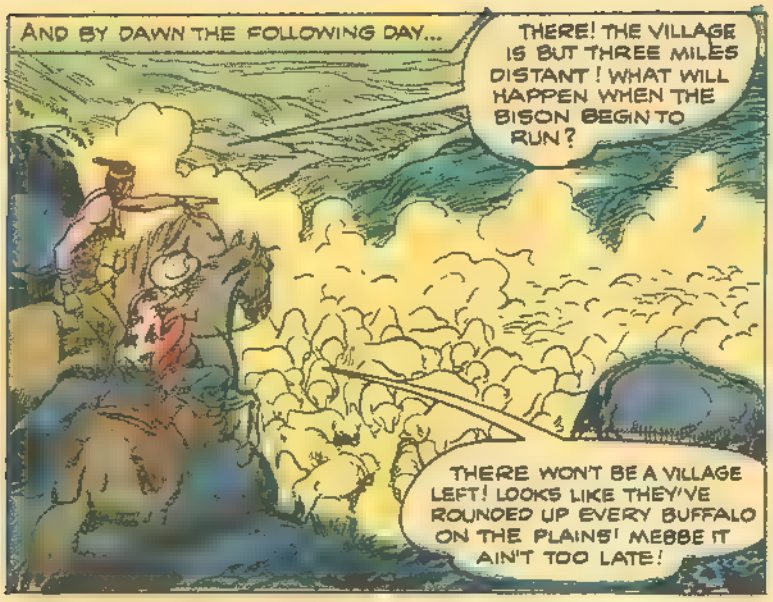
THEN HE RODE OFF, LEAVING A HORNETS' NEST OF COMMENT AND CONFUSION BEHIND...
I'M TELLIN' YUH I SEEN THE WHOLE THING! COLT AIN'T HUMAN! I SEEN A DOZEN BULLETS GO CLEAN THRU HIM, BUT HE WAS STILL SHOOTIN'!
HE'S A GOL DARNED FOOL... BUT I SHORE LOVE HIM!


IT WAS THREE DAYS LATER, IN A SHALLOW DRAW SOMEWHERE NORTH OF GREAT PLATTE, THAT THE REDSKIN FOUND THE OUTLAW...
FOR TWO DAYS I HAVE TRAVELLED TO FIND YOU, WHITE BROTHER! FROM THE LAND BEYOND THE HILLS I HAVE COME! GREAT BAD TROUBLE HAS FALLEN ON OUR PEOPLE!
SPEAK, SWIFT ARROW! YOU KNOW I'LL ALWAYS HELP YORE PEOPLE IF I CAN!

WHITE MEN CAME WITH MUCH FIRE WATER! THEY PAID MY PEOPLE TO ROUND UP GREAT NUMBERS OF BISON! THE BISON WILL BE USED FOR TERRIBLE TROUBLE!. I HAVE HEARD THEM TALK!
WHAT KIND OF TALK DID THEY MAKE?


THE BISON ARE MANY AND THE WHITE MEN TALK OF SENDING THE ANIMALS TO DESTROY THE WHITE SETTLEMENT OF LASSO! IF THE BISON RUN, THEY WILL GRIND THE WHITE VILLAGE TO DUST AND WE SHALL BE BLAMED!
RECKON THAT IS A HEAP OF TROUBLE! AND I RECKON THE MAN LEADIN' THEM HOMBRES IS NAMED SPIDER KANE! LET'S RIDE, SWIFT ARROW!

THEY RODE SWIFTLY, SILENTLY DEVOURING GREAT CHUNKS OF TIME AND SPACE IN A STEADY, TIRELESS GALLOP..


AND BY DAWN THE FOLLOWING DAY...
THERE! THE VILLAGE IS BUT THREE MILES DISTANT! WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE BISON BEGIN TO RUN?
THERE WON'T BE A VILLAGE LEFT! LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ROUNDED UP EVERY BUFFALO ON THE PLAINS! MEBBE IT AIN'T TOO LATE!

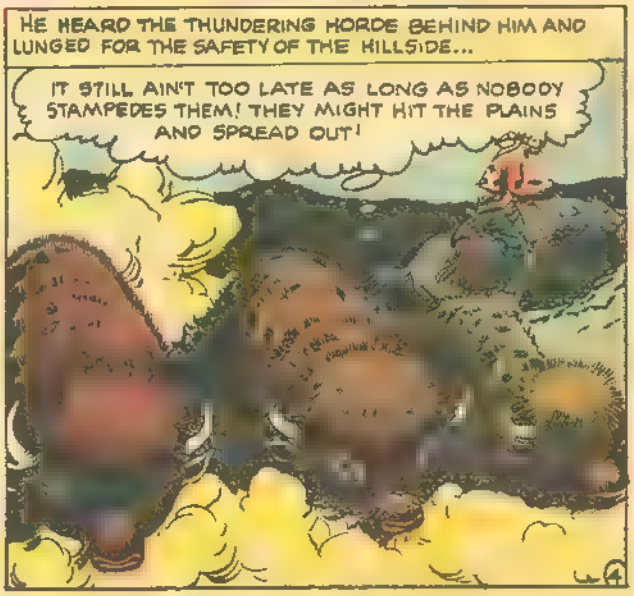
GET BACK TO YOUR CHIEF AND TELL HIM TO DESTROY THE FIRE WATER! LET HIM TAKE ALL YOUR BRAVES TO THE WHITE MEN'S VILLAGE AND WARN THEM OF THE DANGER!
I WILL GO, BUT WHAT OF YOU?

I'LL TRY TO STOP 'EM FROM THIS END! IF I CAN'T, MEBBE YOU CAN TURN 'EM OFF BEFORE THEY REACH THE VILLAGE!

HE REACHED THE VAST BOWL AND SLOWED DOWN, WEIGHING THE ODDS AND FIGURING HIS CHANCES...
I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST, NOW! IF I CAN HOLD THE GATE I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE MY NEXT MOVE!

GET THAT GATEPOST BACK UP OR I'LL SIEVE THE TWO OF YUH! MOVE FAST!
WH..?!

WHRAM!
WHRAM!


HE HEARD THE THUNDERING HORDE BEHIND HIM AND LUNGED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HILLSIDE...
IT STILL AIN'T TOO LATE AS LONG AS NOBODY STAMPEDES THEM! THEY MIGHT HIT THE PLAINS AND SPREAD OUT!

BUT HIS HOPES WERE SHORT-LIVED AS HIS EARS CAUGHT THE BLAST OF A POWERFUL EXPLOSION ABOVE THE ROAR OF THE THUNDERING HOOFS...
TOO LATE! THE DIRTY, MURDERIN' SWINE SET OFF A BARREL OF GUN POWDER! WAL, I'LL WAIT HERE ANYWAY! THEY'LL HAVE TO COME THRU TO GUIDE THE STAMPEDE!
HE WATCHED THE MAMMOTH BEASTS LUNGE THRU THE GAP IN A NEVER-ENDING STREAM OF SURGING POWER AND INSANE FEAR, HELPLESS TO STEM THE RAGING TIDE..
THEY WON'T SWERVE NOW! THEY'LL JUST KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN AN' FOLLOW THE LEADERS!
YI-YIP--YIPEEE! YAWHEEEEEEE!
AND HE WAS ON THEM IN A FIGHTING, SLASHING, MURDEROUS ATTACK WHICH ASKED NO QUARTER AND GAVE NONE...
SAY YORE PRAYERS, COLT! I'D'A LIKED TO SEE YOU GIT IT UNDER THEM BISON'S HOOFS, BUT ONE WAY'S GOOD AS ANOTHER!
IT SHORE IS!
LISTEN, BOY! DO THIS FER ME JUST THIS ONCE! SEE IF YOU CAN GET UP AHEAD OF THE HERD! DIG IN, FELLOW!

THE GREAT STALLION GATHERED HIS STRENGTH AND BEGAN A SLOW, TORTUOUS, ALMOST FUTILE FIGHT TO FLANK THE HERD...
YOU'RE GAINING, STEEL! SAVE YORE STRENGTH! HIT YORE STRIDE AND HOLD IT!
THE EARTH SHUDDERED UNDER THE CHURNING HOOFS OF THE FEAR-CRAZED BISON WHOSE LOWERED HEADS DIDN'T SEE THE DUO GALLOPING ALONGSIDE!
BURN IT UP, BOY! BURN IT! WE'RE ALMOST UP THERE! IF WE CAN TURN THEIR HEADS JUST A LITTLE, ...JUST A LITTLE!
SENSING THE TASK AHEAD, THE GREAT HORSE SURGED FORWARD AND THEN CUT SHARPLY IN, HIS FLANKS ALMOST TOUCHING THE FRONT RANKS OF THE RAMPAGING HERD...
AND ON THE EDGE OF THE DOOMED TOWN, A LONG LINE OF WHITES AND REDMEN WATCHED THE DUST CLOUD APPROACHING...
HE'LL NEVER TURN 'EM NOW! THE BISON ARE BREATHING HOT ON HIS SPURS!
H-HERE THEY COME! THEY'LL GO THRU US LIKE WATER THRU A SIEVE!
CLOSER AND CLOSER CAME THE CHARGING BISON, AND THE OUTLAW MADE ONE LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO TURN THEM...
THERE'S THE LEADER! HE'S JUST COME OUT FRONT! CUT HIM OFF! HIT HIM HARD!
THE HORSE EDGED IN CLOSE, THREW HIS WEIGHT SIDEWAYS IN A VIOLENT PITCH AND RAMMED THE OLD BISON...
HE DID IT! HE RAMMED THAT OLD BULL HARD AND TURNED 'EM!
BLESS THAT DERNED OLE OUTLAW! BLESS HIM!
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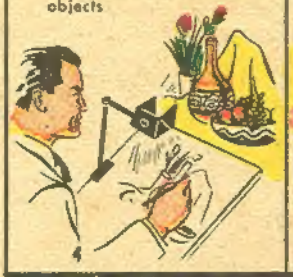

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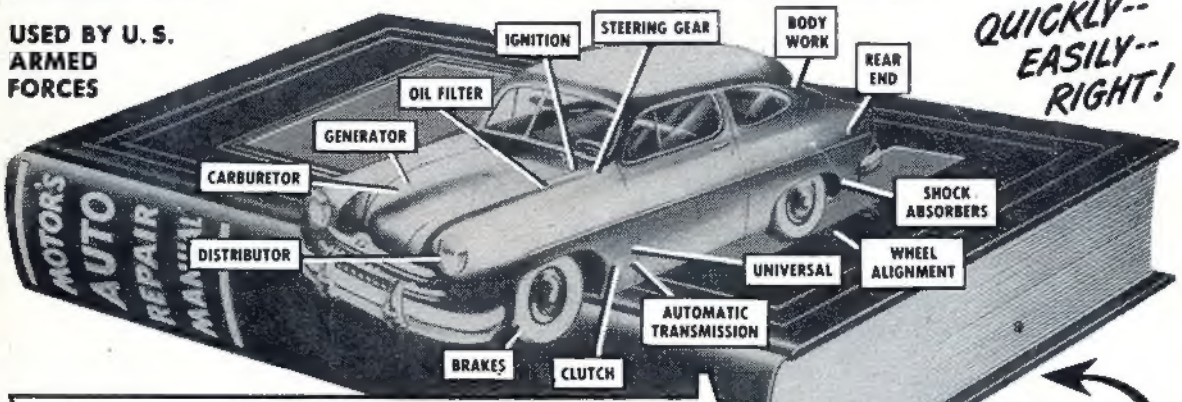

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